

WIFE OF SLAIN RECTOR BREAKS LONG SILENCE

Denies Any Knowledge of
Crime in First Interview
to Newspapermen.

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side, sat two court stenographers, to make a transcript of the interview.

The reporters matching her roving gaze with intent stares, saw a rather plump woman of 47—pale, obviously tired and slightly nervous. Her gray hair was brushed back in a high pompadour that emphasized slightly the long oval of her face.

She braced one hand on each arm of her rocker and the interview was on.

"Have you any comment to make, Mrs. Hall?" the spokesman began, on that part of Mrs. Gibson's story (Mrs. Jane Gibson, the so-called eye witness of the slaying) in which she said you were present on the Phillips farm on the night of Sept. 14?

Moistening her lips, Mrs. Hall replied:

"What comment could I make? Of course that was not so, and that is all."

"You were not there?"

"I certainly was not."

For an hour then one reporter after another volleyed questions at her, taking her over her story of her actions before and after the murder, questioning her sharply for any possible knowledge she might have had of the rector's affair with Mrs. Mills, seeking some point at which an entering wedge could be driven into her story.

Three or four times she took refuge behind the reply, "I cannot remember," and three questions she refused point blank to answer. But throughout the interview she maintained that she had always believed and still believed, in the faithfulness of her husband to his marriage vows.

Brushing aside the letters and the diary, which her counsel admits is written in a hand remarkably similar to that of the slain minister, she declared:

"I had such faith in my husband, that I was sure he could explain, or could explain if he were here."

"She said she had not even read the documents, most of which have been published in the newspapers, assuming they did not seem to interest me at all."

When she was pressed to express an opinion as to whether she did not think they might have bearing on the solution of the murder, she said:

"I don't even see that that would tell you who was the criminal."

"Don't you think it widens the sphere of motive if a married man and a married woman are conducting an illicit love affair?" she was asked.

"I suppose it would."

"Isn't Mr. Pfeiffer intensely interested to know if those letters and diary are correct?"

"That doesn't interest me very much."

The questions Mrs. Hall refused to answer were:

First, a request for her estimate of the character of the woman slain with her husband.

Second, whether or not she believed in divorce and would have sought a divorce if she had known of intimacies between Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

Third, where Mr. Hall got half of the \$20,000 in securities which were found in his safety deposit vault and with the use of which he was reported to have planned an elopement to the Orient with Mrs. Mills.

Her lawyer later explained that she refused to discuss the origin of the funds because she herself had given them to him and she felt delicacy in going into so personal a matter.

Resents Divorce Questions.

The questions on divorce came none more nearly arousing her resentment than any of the others flung at her in the long siege.

"I won't answer any such question," she flashed almost before its proponent had finished.

Mrs. Hall was very deeply affected when the questions regarding Mrs. Mills were put, moving restlessly in her chair and folding arms tightly across her chest.

"Was Mrs. Mills a vamp—do you think she was a woman of good character?" one of the questions barked near the end of the interview.

"I do not care to say."

"You do not think she deliberately set her cap for Mr. Hall?"

"I never saw any indication of it."

"Now, what do you think?"

"I do not know. I do not know... what... to... think."

The widow maintained throughout the interview that she harbored no malice toward her husband's slayer and that she was not personally interested in seeing the murderer punished, although she said she hoped for the good of society, to see the guilty person or persons apprehended.

"I think any one who has committed a murder is not a safe person to have at large," she said.

"But as for a vindictive feeling, I have none."

Outwardly, at least, the investigation of the double murder mystery was at a practical standstill today while the interview was being held.

Investigators who have been seeking corroboration of the story of Mrs. Gibson in which she connected Mrs. Hall with the slaying party continued their work under cover.

Although the faith of some of them appeared to have been shaken in the story, Special Prosecutor Mott professed to have no reason, as yet, to doubt Mrs. Gibson's sworn statement.

Popular Elkhart Bride Well Known in South Bend



Mrs. Richard Hugo Lingott, formerly Miss Carol Winslow of Elkhart, well known to South Bend society folk, whose marriage last Saturday was the social event of the season in Elkhart.

"Lame Duck Alley" to Be Restored to Place of Prominence At Capital

Candidates Who Have Their
Wings Singed Tuesday to
Make It Their Habitat.

BY LOUIS LUDLOW.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—

"Lame Duck Alley," which in the past has been a favorite haunt for

statesmen who have been winged by the arrows of fortune, will be

restored to a place in the center of the political map after the election

on the seventh day of this month.

In their minds' eyes the newspaper correspondents who cover the

White House can picture the restoration of "Lame Duck Alley" in its

pristine importance, all of the seats

filled by nervous, thumb-twiddling

ex-popular idols who are inspired,

first of all, with a desire to see the

president but, if that is impos-

sible, are willing to "let George do it," the said "George" being

George B. Christian, Jr., the president's secretary and confidential

friend.

Next to "Peacock Alley" in a

fashionable Washington hotel

"Lame Duck Alley" is the most

famous runway at the national cap-

itol. The two should not be con-

fused, however, as they are radi-

cally different. "Peacock Alley" is al-

ways on the map. The peacocks

are always there, parading up and

down, showing their jewels and

handsome sartorial adornments.

"Lame Duck Alley" fades out of

sight between campaigns and does

not resume its institutional impor-

tance until the reverses of some

election bring a flock of discarded

politicians to Washington. In the

hope of being able to make con-

nection with the flesh-pots of office.

Named in "Teddy's" Time.

"Lame Duck Alley" is a long,

narrow reception room at the White

house, flanked on both sides with

soft, leather-cushioned chairs that

touch each other. It derives its

name from the fact that it is the

reception room where aspirants for

offices at the bestowal of the chief

executive wait for an audience with

the president or the president's sec-

retary. It was named "Lame Duck

Alley" in the days of Theodore

Roosevelt, who built the White

house office building, and the name

has stuck. It had its last great rush

in the Wilson administration when

the reverses of politics turned con-

coming election, which is regarded

as a very conservative estimate,

"Lame Duck Alley" will have 100

recruits from that source. Besides,

there will be senatorial "lame

ducks" and various other species

of lame ducks, national and state,

whose lameness will date back to

a certain hard punch given them by

the electorate on election day.

Ohio is expected to furnish its

quota of "lame ducks" and specu-

lation already is busy connecting

the names of various Ohio congres-

sional candidates with appointive

positions in anticipation of their

probable defeat at the polls. The

average man who follows politics

for a living does not have much to

fall back on when fate gives him a

knockout and if the walls of "Lame

Duck Alley" could talk they could

tell many a pathetic story of the

tragedies of political life.

EX-KAISER'S DAUGHTER

ARRIVES FOR WEDDING

DOORN, Holland, Nov. 1.—(By A.

P.)—The duchess of Brunswick,

daughter of former Emperor Wil-

liam of Germany, accompanied by

her suite and Pastor Vogel of Pots-

dam, arrived in Doorn this evening.

They left the train bringing them

from Germany at Maarn, where Wil-

liam arrived in Holland to begin his

exile. Pastor Vogel is to celebrate the

religious ceremony when Princess

Hermine of Reuss and William are

married.

Edison Too Busy to

Discuss "Death" Story

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Nov. 1.—

(By I. N. S.)—Thomas A. Edison,

electrical wizard has not talked

over the telephone for 35 years. His

hearing is bad. His secretary made

this known today when he spoke for

Edison in denying reports that the

aged inventor was dead. Asked if

he had told Edison of the report the

secretary replied in the affirmative

and said that his employer only

moaned and said he "was too busy to

talk."

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GEORGIA PREACHER GIVEN LIFE TERM FOR DUAL MURDER

Padrick Expresses Satisfaction
With Verdict—Shows Re-
lief at Outcome.

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his judge; that God would be an early court that God would be

hand in the killing of his wife and

mother-in-law.

Appearing before the jury in his

own defense at the trial, Padrick

began his testimony by offering

prayer in which he asked that the

jury join, and followed with a brief

sermon from the text, "Thou shalt

not commit adultery." In his speech

to the jury he condemned modern

tendencies and dress of women which

he claimed led to sex appeal that

caused the downfall of young men

and women.

CHIEF OF MEXICAN

REBELS EXECUTED

BY FIRING SQUAD

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official reports to have offered lit-

tle defense.

The former Carranza general re-

ceived the verdict of the court mil-

lions. Afterwards he requested writ-

ing material and is understood to

have passed the night writing letters

to his wife and friends. At 9 o'clock

this morning the firing squad was

assembled and in the presence of

the entire population Mirguia met

death.

He declined to have his face cov-

ered and gave orders to his execu-

tioners.

SEEK EXTENSION OF

COMMISSION'S ORDER

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 1.—(By A.

P.)—An extension of the public

service commission order suspending

increased express rates granted on

shipments of cake was asked today

by the American Bakers' association.

The American Railway Express Co.

and the Southeastern Express Co.

some time ago obtained an order

from the commission for the in-

creased rates but the order was sus-

pended. The suspension will soon ex-

pire and the bakers' association

asks a reextension order effective

until Jan. 1. The petition declares

that the decrease, if allowed to be-

come effective would mean 50 per-

cent higher rates than at present

and 100 per cent more than a few

years ago.

CUTS LURES MANY

Romance lured just 274 St. Jo-

seph county persons to the mar-

riage altar during the month of

October. County Clerk Wilbur War-

ner issued 37 licenses last month.

October vies with June for the hon-

or of being known as the "Month

of Weddings."

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STATISTICS

BUILDING PERMITS.

One-story brick filling station,

1702 W. Division st., Standard Oil

Co., owners, estimated cost \$3,000.

One-story frame dwelling, 711 N.

St. Peter st., P. Gross, \$2,400.

One-story frame dwelling, 1022

Fourth st., S. M. Robinson and Son,

\$1,500.

One-story frame dwelling, 937

Seventeenth st., J. A. Watson, \$2,500.

MOVING PERMITS.

John A. Sak, 501 1-2 E. Keasey st.

to 218 E. Sample st.

W. L. Davis, 1316 E. Calvert st.

to 2208 S. Lafayette blvd.

Joseph Summers, 16